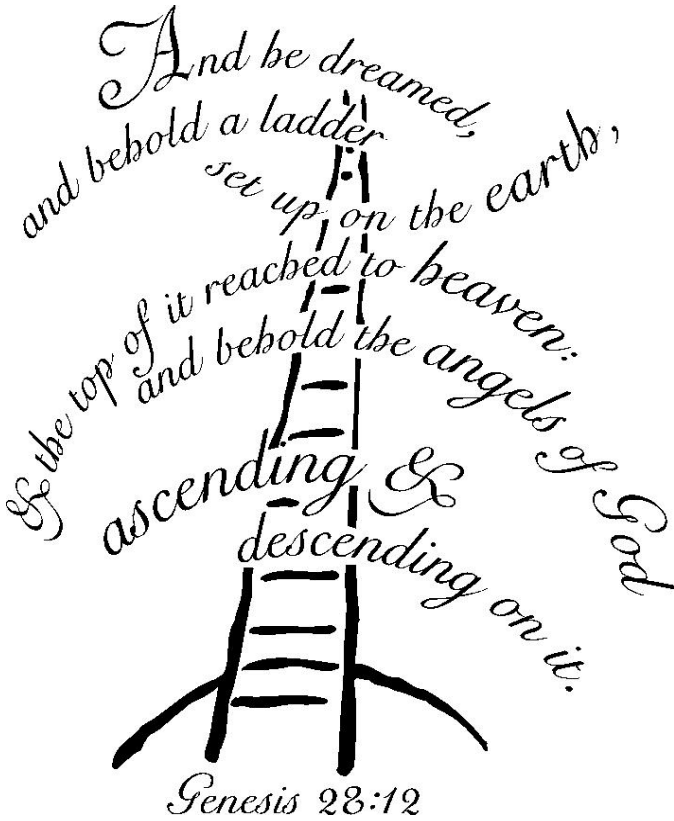


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✠ Second Sunday in Lent ✠

February 25, 2018

Pre-Service Meditation – Psalm 22:23-31

²³ You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! ²⁴ For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him. ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. ²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD! May your hearts live forever! ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. ²⁸ For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. ²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. ³⁰ Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; ³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

Hymn #4 – God Himself is Present

Invocation – p. 5

[We invoke (call upon) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit]

Confession & Absolution – pp. 5-6

[We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness]

Introit – Psalm 115:11–13, 18; antiphon: Psalm 25:6

[Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.]

- P** Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
- C** **for they have been from of old.**
- P** You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!
- C** **He is their help and their shield.**
- P** The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;
- C** **he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;**
- P** he will bless those who fear the Lord,
- C** **both the small and the great.**

P We will bless the Lord

C **from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!**

P Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,

C **for they have been from of old.**

Gloria Patri – p. 6

[Latin for “Glory to the Father” ~ We glorify the Triune God]

The Kyrie – p. 7

[Greek for “O Lord” ~ We approach our Lord with a cry for help and mercy]

Gloria in Excelsis (Hymn #238 v. 1)

[Latin for “Glory in the Highest” ~ A hymn glorifying and praising our God]

All glory be to God alone, Forevermore the Highest One,
Who doth our sinful race befriend And grace and peace to us extend.
Among mankind may His good will All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

The Collect for the Day – p. 9

[The main thoughts for the day are “collected” together in this prayer]

Epistle Reading – Romans 5:1-11

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Gradual – Hebrews 12:2; Mark 8:34b

[A liturgical response of Scripture verses.]

P [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

C **the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

- P** who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
despising the shame,
C and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.
P If anyone would come after me,
C let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Gospel Reading – Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him. ³¹ And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” ³⁴ And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶ For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? ³⁷ For what can a man give in return for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Confession of Faith – Apostle’s Creed – p. 12

[We boldly confess what we believe]

Hymn #429 – Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Sermon Text – Genesis 28:10-17

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹² And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! ¹³ And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on

which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. ¹⁴ Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶ Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.” ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

Sermon – The Precious Presence of God

Offertory – p. 12

[In this prayer we offer God our hearts, asking Him for the best of all gifts: the Holy Spirit]

Offering of Thankful Hearts

[With thankful hearts, we offer our gifts to God]

General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

[We offer our petitions and thanks to God]

Hymn #148 (1-6) – Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light

Prayer for the Church – p. 14

[We ask God to bless what we have heard and learned today]

The Benediction – p. 14

[We receive God's blessing for another week]

Hymn #434 – O God of Jacob, by Whose Hand

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✠ Announcements ✠

Sunday Bible Class – In our Sunday Bible Class hour, we will continue our study of Luther's Large Catechism. We are studying the Lord's Prayer.

Midweek Lenten Series – Our Midweek Lenten worship services continue this Wednesday. These worship services are held at the parsonage and available live online. This year the CLC Worship Committee has put a series together a series that we are following. The series is entitled “Keep Your Eyes on Jesus Who Endured the Cross.” The schedule for the remaining Wednesdays is as follows:

- 2/28 – He is our Security (Hebrews 6:19-20)
- 3/07 – He is our Access (Hebrews 10:19-20)
- 3/14 – He is our Courage (Hebrews 12:21-24)
- 3/21 – He is our Endurance (Hebrews 13:12)

Come join us at the parsonage or online on our youtube site:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/BethelLutheranCLC/live>.

Organ Concert - Ryan Mueller, member at St. John's Lutheran in Okabena, MN, will be presenting a pipe organ concert on Sun., March 18, 2 pm, at School Sisters Of Notre Dame Good Counsel Hill in Mankato, MN. He will be presenting on the 1877 Johnson & Son pipe organ, the program featuring works of Dupre, Vierne, Bonnet, Jongen, Grieg, and other prominent composers of the 19th and 20th centuries. Refreshments and treats will follow the program.

CLC Call News - Rev. Caleb Schaller, associate pastor of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI has returned the call to Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI. Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven FL, is still considering the call to Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI to teach middle grades and serve as principal. Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI has called Becky Buck to serve as a full-time teacher for grades 3-4, Valerie Hammett to serve as half-time teacher in the lower grades, and Jane Murch to serve as music teacher. St. John's Lutheran, Okabena MN, has called Paul Tiefel III, Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, to be principal and teacher at its school. Grace Lutheran, Fridley MN, has called member Heidi Nelson to the position of lower grade teacher.

Fruits of Faith: 2/18/18

Worship Attendance: 27

Bethel Home: \$876.00

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